

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

BEN62 — BRITISH LITERATURE V

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. Why does the poet want to go to Innisfree?
2. What according to Philip Larkin is the purpose of building a church?
3. What are the major themes in the poem *Insensibility* by Wilfred Owen?
4. What are the Four Great Motives of Writing according to Orwell?
5. Why does the D H Lawrence consider the novel superior to philosophy, science or even poetry?
6. How long has Thomas Becket been away from Canterbury? Why has he chosen to stay away for so long?
7. What is the setting of the poem Fern Hill?
8. What is the Galway fair known for?
9. Who is Professor Godbole?
10. How does Andrew Ramsay Die?

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

11. (a) What are the major themes in Philip Larkin's *Church Going*?

Or

- (b) 'Happy are men who yet before they are killed' - Explain

12. (a) How does Lawrence establish the superiority of novelist over the saints, scientists and the philosopher in his essay "Why the Novel Matters"?

Or

- (b) Explain the four chief motives for anyone becoming a writer as stated by Orwell.

13. (a) Why is T. S. Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral* called a poetic play?

Or

- (b) What is the role of chorus in *Murder in the Cathedral*?

14. (a) Explain the symbolism of Fern Hill in *Fern Hill* by Dylan Thomas.

Or

- (b) Leisure by W H Davis highlights how modernity alienated us from simplicity - Explain.

15. (a) Discuss the importance of the title *A Passage to India*.

Or

- (b) What are the autobiographical elements in *To the Lighthouse*?

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Critically analyse *Church Going* by Philip Larkin
17. The novel is the one bright book of life - Explain
18. Consider Thomas Becket as a tragic hero in *Murder in the Cathedral*?
19. *Fern Hill* as a way of looking back towards childhood and appreciating the pure joy that becomes so hard to find after - Elucidate
20. Explain how does Synge depict the theme of the uncertainty of human life in the play *Riders to the Sea*?
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